in age is proved by all available evidence, if there are any cases like that, the Government may be obliged to take action.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Is the Hon'ble Minister aware that the age given during student career might have been given by the parents or somebody else or by the teacher himself?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—Quite so.

Janab MOHAMED VALIULLA (Kolar—Muslim).—Will the Government state whether all people in service who have given wrong ages, will be treated uniformly in the matter of award of punishment?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—Hon'ble Members need have no doubts in the matter.

Mushir-ul-Mulk J. MOHAMED IMAM (Chitaldrug *cum* Tumkur—Muslim).—How many officers have been retired on the ground of difference in age?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—I have already given the answer in a different manner to the question put in a different why by Sri Siddappa.

Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM.—How many officers have been retired during the last two years merely on the ground of having given incorrect age?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—I have already answered that question. The Hon'ble Member did not hear my reply probably. For the enlightenment of the Hon'ble Member who was not present or who did not listen to what I was saying, I might say that three or four cases may be deemed to have come under this category and I said that the decision even in those cases was not taken solely on the basis of discrepancy in age but on other factors that came into the picture; and even among the three or four cases, one is again under reconsideration.

Reasons for the resignation of Sri T. Siddalingaiah, Ex-Minister.

Q.*—21. **Sri L. SIDDAPPA (Shimoga District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the reason for the resignation of the Hon'ble Minister for Education and Public Health, Sri T. Siddalingiah, as detailed in his letter of resignation;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that he has levelled about more than 60 charges of omission and commission against the present Ministers in the administration of the various Departments in their charge; if so, what are the allegations?

A.—**The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY** (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) It is not for Government to disclose the reasons.

(*b*) It is not a fact.

Sri L. SIDDAPPA.—I have no supplementaries.

Reasons for the resignation of Sri T. Siddalingaiah, former Minister for Education and Public Health.

Q.*—46. **Mushir-ul-Mulk J. MOHAMED IMAM (Chitaldrug *cum* Tumkur—Muslim).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it is not a fact that Sri T. Siddalingiah, former Minister for Education and Public Health, resigned from the Ministry;

(*b*) whether Sri T. Siddalingiah has given any reasons for resigning, and if so, what they are;

(*c*) whether a copy of his letter written to the Chief Minister will be placed on the table?

A.—**The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY** (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) It is a fact that he has resigned from the Ministry.

(*b*) It is not for Government to disclose the reasons.

(*c*) No.

Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Is it not the duty of the Hon'ble Chief Minister

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or the Ministry to give reasons to a body to which the Ministry is responsible?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—It is not a statutory obligation.

Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Is there any statutory bar that such reasons should not be given to the Members of the House?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—There is no statutory bar.

Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Is not this House entitled to know the information?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—It is for any Hon'ble Minister who resigns, to make a statement and it is open to any other Hon'ble Minister to reply to such a statement and that has to take place on the floor of this House.

Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Is it not obligatory on the part of the Hon'ble Chief Minister himself to make a statement in this regard?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—Decidedly not.

Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM.—At least the people may know what the reasons are that led to the resignation of the Hon'ble Minister who was responsible to the people.

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—I have already answered the question that there is no obligation or duty on the part of the Hon'ble Chief Minister to explain the reasons for the resignation of any other Hon'ble Minister.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Mysore District—General).—Is there any commission or omission on the part of the Government in the matter of this resignation?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—The question is not intelligible and I heard the Hon'ble Speaker saying that the question does not arise.

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Is there any commission or omission on the part of the Government, which has resulted in this resignation?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—There is neither any commission nor any omission, nor any admission nor anything like that.

Gazetted Officers in extended terms of service.

*Q.—27. **Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY** (Chitaldrug District—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state the number of gazetted officers with their respective designation who were in extended terms of service in the year 1949-50 and are continuing in service in the current year?

A.—**The Hon'ble Sri K CHENGALARAYA REDDY.** (Chief Minister).—22.

A copy of list is appended below.

List of Gazetted Officers who were in extended terms of service in the year 1949-50 and are continuing in service in the current year.

3	Assistant Secretaries to Government	Two since retired.
1	Conservator of Forests ...	...
3	Professors of the University (1 Chemistry, 1 Mathematics and 1 Electrical Engineering)	...
2	Assistant Professors ...	...
1	Principal and Professor, Teachers' Training College, Mysore	...
1	Director of Sericulture ...	...
1	Assistant Secretary, Insurance Department	...
1	Head Master	...
2	Senior Surgeons	One since retired.
1	Superintendent, Government Gardens	...
1	Electrical Engineer, Sivasamudram ...	Since retired.
1	Hon. Assistant Engineer	...
1	General Manager, Sandal Oil Factory, Mysore ...	Since retired.
1	General Manager, Government Soap Factory, Bangalore.	...
1	Deputy Commissioner ...	Since retired.
1	District Medical Officer, Mysore State Railway ...	Do

Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY.—I invite the Hon'ble Minister's attention to the list. It is seen that 22 officers have been in extended terms of service. May I know the particular circumstances why such a large number were required to be in extended terms of service?